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LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H"
PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

BOTH LAUNCH AREAS CAN BE CONFIRMED. THE GANTRY AT LAUNCH AREA "G" CAN BE CONFIRMED, AND A SIMILAR GANTRY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LAUNCH AREA "H".

2. REMARKS:

LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H" ARE TYPE IB LAUNCH SITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE THE ONLY LAUNCH SITES OF THIS TYPE THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE USSR. THE LAUNCH AREAS ARE RAIL-SERVED, THE RAILS FORMING IN BOTH CASES, A WISHBONE CONFIGURATION.

A COMMON SUPPORT FACILITY SERVES BOTH LAUNCH SITES, AND CONSISTS OF AN ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSING SECTION, A LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SECTION, AND A MOTOR POOL/VEHICLE PARK. THE ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSING SECTION IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 5,000 FT SOUTH OF LAUNCH AREA "G", AND THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SECTION IS CENTRALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 2 LAUNCH AREAS AND

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THE ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSING SECTION.

[REDACTED] A PROBABLE MISSILE GANTRY,
APPROXIMATELY 155 FT IN HEIGHT, WAS IDENTIFIED AT
LAUNCH AREA "G" (THEN CONSIDERED A PROBABLE LAUNCH
SITE). THE MISSILE SYSTEM ASSOCIATED WITH LAUNCH
AREAS "G" AND "H" HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

3. LOCATION: APPROXIMATELY 20 NM NE OF PLESETSK AND 6 NM ESE OF
THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY.

4. COLLATERAL/COMINT: NONE

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: [REDACTED]

6. NEGATION DATE: [REDACTED]

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 10 KH-4 AND 4 KH-7 MISSIONS.

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: DISTANCE BETWEEN "G" AND "H" -- 3,900 FT (APPROX)
ORIENTATIONS: -- [REDACTED] (APPROX)

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9. MISSION READOUT: LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H" CAN NOW BE CONFIRMED AS LAUNCH SITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION. AT LAUNCH AREA "G", THE GANTRY CAN ALSO BE CONFIRMED, AND TRACKS EXTEND FROM THE GANTRY TO THE LEFT PAD. AT LAUNCH AREA "H", A LARGE GANTRY, LIKE THE ONE AT "G", IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BEHIND THE RIGHT PAD.

DETAILS OF THE 2 PADS AT BOTH LAUNCH AREAS ARE OBSCURED BY SNOW. EACH OF THE PADS IS DIAGONALLY FLANKED BY 2 LATTICE TOWERS. EACH LAUNCH AREA HAS 3 EARTH-BANKED STRUCTURES ORIENTED NORTH-SOUTH ALONG THE CENTER RAIL SPUR. A LARGE SUMP IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE NORTHERNMOST EARTH-BANKED STRUCTURE AT EACH LAUNCH AREA. DITCHING AND GROUND SCARRING ARE EVIDENT THROUGHOUT BOTH AREAS, AND CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION IS EVIDENT.

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